

REMARKS

Claims 1-13 and 16-20 are pending in this application. By this Response, Applicants are amending claims 1, 8 and 12. Each of the amendments is in compliance with the Examiner's suggestions. Accordingly, claims 1-13 and 16-20 remain at issue. Applicants respectfully submit no new matter was added by these amendments.

In the Office Action the Examiner recommended that the Applicants amend the claims to recite that "when the pivot axes are parallel to the rack, the middle hinged segment and the third segment are capable of rotating about the axes while the segments remain in the laterally offset configuration that is set forth in the claims." (See Response to Arguments, page 5.) The Examiner further acknowledged that this capability identified above is not present in the Taylor reference because the corresponding axes of Taylor would be perpendicular to the rack in order to assume the offset configuration.

In order to make the rejected claims allowable, the Applicants have incorporated the recitation recommended by the Examiner into each of the independent claims. Applicants amendment is supported by the specification and figures as originally filed. Accordingly, Applicants respectfully submit that all claims are patentable as presented.

CONCLUSION

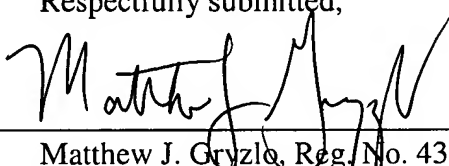
In light of the foregoing Amendments and Remarks, Applicants respectfully submit pending claims 1-13 and 16-20 are in condition for allowance. The Examiner is invited to contact the undersigned if there are any questions concerning this Response.

The Commissioner is authorized to debit or credit Deposit Account No. 23-0280 for any payment **deficiencies or overpayments** associated with this matter.

Respectfully submitted,

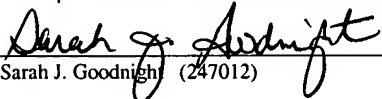
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